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FREDERICTON (CNB) - Alanna Palmer, the chair of the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission, issued the following statement today with respect to the death of former Premier Louis J. Robichaud:

"On behalf of the members and staff of the Human Rights Commission, I would like to join the rest of New Brunswick in expressing our regret and sadness at the death of former Premier Louis J. Robichaud.

"Mr. Robichaud was committed to equal opportunity for all New Brunswickers. It was this vision that led his government in 1967 to adopt the Human Rights Act and to establish the Human Rights Commission to administer it through education and complaint investigation, conciliation and adjudication. New Brunswick was only the second province to adopt this model, which was eventually followed at the federal level and in nearly every other province.

"To this day, the commission continues to implement this model and the basic equality principles enshrined in the Human Rights Act of 1967.

"On its 35th anniversary, in 2002, the Human Rights Commission conferred upon Mr. Robichaud the Pioneer of Human Rights Award in recognition of his historic contribution."

"I extend my sincere condolences to Mr. Robichaud's family."

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